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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 020983

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, JANUARY 31

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 020983 SENT PRETORIA DAR ES SALAAM  
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